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Group Art Unit: 3744
Examiner: William E. Tapolcai
Title: SEPARATELY AIR-CONDITIONABLE VEHICLE AIR
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Attorney Docket: 4041J-000819

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Notice Under 27 CFR 1.251 – Pending Application, please find enclosed a copy of the reference JP 8-58354 along with its English language abstract and a copy of U.S. Serial No. 10/679,719 mentioned in the Information Disclosure Statement. Serial No. 10/679,718 is now U.S. Pat. No. 6,758,741. Also enclosed is a copy of the unsigned 1449 form and a copy of our original Information Disclosure Statement. It should be noted that the March 14, 2005 Office Action included our HDP 1449 form initialed by the Examiner.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

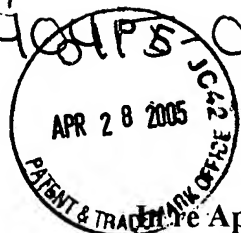
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Application of: Shinji Aoki
Application No.: 10/730,399
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Title: SEPARATELY AIR-CONDITIONABLE VEHICLE
AIR CONDITIONING APPARATUS

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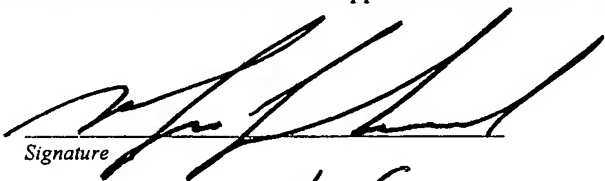
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